

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-16 and 18-21 are pending in the present application. In light of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 02/076498.

The present application, Patent Application Serial No. 10/529,917 (hereinafter "the '917 application") was filed on April 1, 2005 and claims priority to United States Patent Application No. 10/473,664, now U.S. Patent No. 7,128,916, filed September 17, 2003, which is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 national phase application of PCT/GB02/01413. PCT Application No. PCT/GB02/01413 was published as WO 02/076498, the publication cited in the present §102(e) rejection. In view of the claim of priority to PCT/GB02/01413 (International Publication No. WO 02/076498), applicants submit that this rejection is moot and respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over WO 02/076498.

WO 02/076498 is the same publication discussed above, and thus for the same reason as discussed above, applicants submit that this rejection is moot and respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that the points and concerns raised in the Office Action have been addressed in full herein, and thus respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should there be any remaining concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expedite the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 in the amount of \$180.00 as fee for a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. This amount is believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

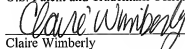


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